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September 29, 2009

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT – RACE TO THE TOP
FUNDING FOR JUVENILE EDUCATION SYSTEM REFORM (ITEM 11, AGENDA OF
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009)**

On September 8, 2009, your Board approved sending a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger, the Assembly Speaker, and the Senate President pro tempore supporting legislation to allow California to compete for Race to the Top (RTTT) funding provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Your Board further instructed the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Chief Probation Officer and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and report back to the Board within 14 days as to how RTTT funding could benefit efforts to reform education in the juvenile justice system, particularly implementation of one dependent charter school for girls and one independent charter school for boys, as previously ordered by the Board.

On September 10, 2009, a five-signature letter (Attachment I) was sent to Governor Schwarzenegger and the Senate President pro tempore supporting legislation to allow California to compete for RTTT funding.

RTTT Purpose

The ARRA provides \$4.35 billion for the RTTT fund, which is a competitive grant program designed to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform, achieving significant improvement in student outcomes, and implementing ambitious plans in the following four core educational reform areas:

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RTTT Area #1: Adopting internationally-benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace.

- RTTT funds would assist with the implementation of Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) to conduct comprehensive assessments of youth, support students having access to standards-based curriculum, and provide students with the services necessary for them to successfully transition back into their communities. ***Education Reform Recommendation #2*** (Ongoing).
- RTTT funds would assist in developing strategies to increase parent or caregiver involvement and educate and train parents about the juvenile justice system and their educational rights while detained. ***Education Reform Recommendation #3*** (One-time for production of DVDs/materials; Ongoing for parent training)
- RTTT funds would provide funding to assist with the establishment of a comprehensive assessment center at each of the County's three juvenile halls, which could improve juvenile detention. ***Education Reform Recommendation #12*** (One-time)
- RTTT funds would be used to develop and implement an integrated behavior management system using research-based behavioral intervention programs from special education and would greatly enhance the student's ability to access the Juvenile Court School (JCS) curricula and unify our behavior expectations and responses for all students. ***Education Reform Recommendation #24*** (Ongoing)

RTTT Area #2: Recruiting, developing, retaining, and rewarding effective teachers and principals.

- RTTT funds would be used to provide LACOE JCS teachers with more training in thematic, collaborative problem-based experiential learning activities, as well as cross-training in the Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and would train LACOE teachers and Probation staff on Evidence-Based Practices core training in Motivational Interviewing and Core Correctional Practices. ***Education Reform Recommendations #21 and #31*** (Ongoing)

RTTT Area #3: Developing data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals how they can improve their practices.

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students could use them for homework and other after school and weekend instruction, such as Operation READ and math tutoring. **Education Reform Recommendation #29** (One-time)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Brence Culp, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

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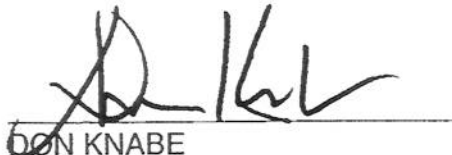
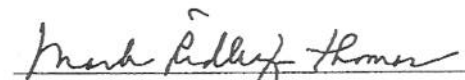
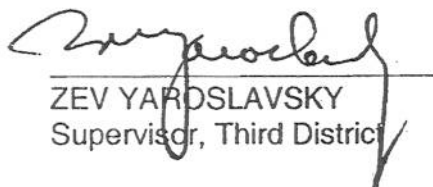
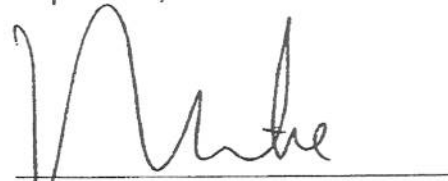
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you and your staff on this important issue.

Sincerely,


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